

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 9, 17, 22, and 26 have been amended, claims 1-8, and 10-16 have been cancelled, claims 18-21, and 23-24 are withdrawn, claims 25, 27, and 28 remain as previously presented, and no new claims have been added. Hence, claims 9, 17, 22, and 25-28 remain currently pending.

1. **Elections/Restrictions**

The Office Action states that claims 18-25 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 22 and 25 have been amended to depend from claim 26, which is directed toward elected Species I. It is therefore respectfully submitted that amended claims 22 and 25 should be examined accordingly, as they are directed to an elected species. Furthermore, claims 22 and 25 are amended to depend from allowable claim 26, and hence, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition of allowance.

2. **Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,327,001 (Yamagishi). By this amendment, claims 1-6, 8, and 10-16 have been cancelled, and hence the instant rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

Claim 9 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 26, and hence, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is in condition of allowance.

Claim 17 has been amended to recite a clam-shell handset device comprising a lens that is “located on a second side of the keyboard half that is both adjacent to the side with the keys and directly opposite from the first side of the keyboard half that is coupled to the hinge, and is on an opposite side of the device as the display.” Yamagishi describes and shows a device in which the lens is located on a side (rear side) of a keyboard half that is on the same side (rear side) of the side that contains the hinge. As shown in the right side of Figure 14 of Yamagishi, the lens 200 is right below the hinge, and is therefore on the same side of the device as the hinge. In contrast, claim 17 recites a device in which the lens is located on a

second side of a device that is opposite a first side that is coupled to the hinge, and that is on the opposite side of the display. This is clearly shown in Figure 3, which shows an orientation of components that is opposite that of the orientation shown in Figure 14 of Yamagishi.

Claim 17 has further been amended to recite that the hinge allows the keyboard half and screen half to rotate with respect to each other through a range of 0 degrees to 270 degrees, and that the image through the lens can be viewed on the display when the screen half is rotated 270 degrees relative to the keyboard half. Yamagishi discloses only that the user can perform imaging only when the information processing apparatus “is angled by about 90 degrees.” (Yamagishi, Col. 18:8-12). The combination of the orientation of the display and position of the lens on the same side as the hinged display in Yamagishi limits the use of the device as an imaging device to one in which the display can be used when the display is essentially 90 degrees up from the keypad, as shown in Figure 14 of Yamagishi. In contrast, the orientation of the lens on the opposite side of the device as the display, as claimed in claim 17 allows viewing of an image over a much wider range of display orientation angle (i.e., up to 270 degrees). Therefore, in light of these claim amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claim 17, as amended, is patentable over the cited reference.

3. Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yamagishi in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,084,919 (Shibata, et al.). By this amendment, claim 7 has been cancelled, and thus the instant rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is rendered moot.

4. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action states that claims 26-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of the base claim (claim 1) and the intervening claims (claims 2-3). Hence, it is respectfully submitted that claim 26 and its dependent claims 27-28 are allowable.

5. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the above-described amendments be made part of the official record in the present application, and submit that support for the claim amendments is present in the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.

If there are any shortages, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account Number 503616.

Respectfully submitted,

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